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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-129-79

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC-BHI GROUP HOME COST-OF-CARE STUDY

REFERENCE:

The State Department of Social Services will be conducting a Cost-of-Care Study of approximately 300 group homes statewide during December, 1979, and January, February, and March, 1980. The purpose of the study is to obtain actual costs of care for foster children as reported by operators of group homes and large family homes.

Cost-of-care data will be gathered by the use of a schedule specifically developed for use in the study by the staff of a certified public accounting firm. Certain social characteristics of children placed in each of the randomly selected group homes will be collected at the same time.

Staff from the Program Review Section, Planning and Review Division, SDSS, will be contacting County Welfare Department staff to secure AFDC-BHI payment information and licensing information for group homes appearing in the study sample. SDSS staff will also be contacting large family and group home operators directly to arrange on-site interviews.

Please tell your staff about the study activities that will be taking place in your county during the next several months, and ask that they cooperate fully with State staff during this study. The active cooperation of the respective County Welfare Departments is essential for the successful completion of this study.

Questions regarding this study should be directed to Charles H. Malone, project manager, at (916) 920-7695.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA